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PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN AMERENUE CASE

Jefferson City (December 5, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings in mid-March in a case filed by AmerenUE.

AmerenUE is seeking Missouri Public Service Commission authority to transfer to AmerenCIPS, an affiliated regulated utility, all of its Illinois electric utility service area assets, including certificates of convenience and necessity, permits, licenses and franchises issued by the State of Illinois and various Illinois counties and municipalities, distribution plant, retail electric business, customers, and maintenance and labor agreements, as well as related liabilities. Certain electric service assets, including generating assets located in Venice, Illinois and Keokuk, Iowa, however, will not be transferred. AmerenUE also seeks leave to transfer to AmerenCIPS its gas utility service assets located in the Metro East Service Area, including certificates, franchises, permits and licenses, general plant, customers, agreements, and related liabilities. Ameren states none of these assets are located in the State of Missouri.

Ameren states the proposed transaction is in the public interest because it will allow it to reallocate to Missouri its generation capacity presently devoted to its Illinois electric service area, thus providing additional generating capacity to serve its Missouri customers. Ameren states in its application that the proposed transfer will provide AmerenUE's Missouri electric customers with additional generation to meet their capacity and energy needs beginning in 2004 and beyond, and will continue to provide these customers with least cost resources by which to meet their future capacity and energy needs.

Hearings, to be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building (200 Madison Street) in Jefferson City, are scheduled to begin on March 18, 2004. Hearings are scheduled for March 19, 2004 as well as March 22-24, 2004. The Governor Office Building is a facility which meets the accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or dial 711 for Relay Missouri prior to the hearing.

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